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ACTION AF-06

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SS-15 USIA-06 CAB-02 COME-00 DOTE-00 EB-07 FAA-00 A-01

OC-05 CCO-00 PER-01 AID-05 SCS-03 SCA-01 TRSE-00

OPR-02 IO-10 /109 W
---------- 013187
R 200943D MAR 75
FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3734
INFO AMCONSUL ASMARA
AMCONSUL FRANKFURT
AMEMBASSY JIDDA
AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI
AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY ROME

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINS BTRA EAIR
SUBJECT: RESTORATION OF NORMAL DOMESTIC AIRLINE SERVICE
TO ASMARA

1. EMBASSY IS AUTHORITATIVELY INFORMED THAT EPMG HAS AUTHORIZED EAL TO RESTORE SCHEDULED DOMESTIC SERVICE FROM ADDIS TO ASMARA, BEGINNING MARCH 21. EAL WILL DO SO ON THAT DATE. TRAFFIC EXPECTED BUILD UP GRADUALLY. FOR TIME BEING, INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS WILL CONTINUE TO ENTER AND LEAVE ETHIOPIA THROUGH ADDIS ABABA ONLY. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT ASMARA WILL BE RESTORED AS A PORT OF ENTRY/EXIT FOR ETHIOPIA AT SOME LATER DATE.
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2. MEASURE FALLS WITHIN FRAMEWORK EPMG POLICY DECISION SEEK TO REVIVE ASMARA/ERITREAN ECONOMY AND ITS EFFORTS TO INDUCE BUSINESSMEN WHO HAVE FLED ASMARA FOLLOWING THE RECENT FIGHTING THERE TO RETURN.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH PASSENGERS FLYING TO ASMARA WILL STILL BE EXPECTED TO FILL OUT A SECURITY SCREENING DOCUMENT, THE GRADUAL RESTORATION OF NORMAL AIR SERVICE IN BOTH DIRECTIONS PUTS AND END TO THE ONEROUS AND INEFFICIENT CLEARANCE PROCEDURES WHICH HAVE BEEN IN FORCE FOR THE LAST SIX WEEKS AND WHICH HAVE GREATLY INHIBITED THE EMBASSY'S ABILITY TO SUPPORT KAGNEW STATION AND CONGEN ASMARA. IN THIS CONNECTION, DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT MOFA HAS OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED TO US THAT CLEARANCE REQUESTS FOR THE TRAVEL OF OFFICIAL AMERICAN PERSONNEL TO ASMARA MAY NOW BE DISCONTINUED.
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